

REMARKS

In response to the pending Ex parte Quayle Action, the Applicants provide the following remarks to address all issues cited by the Examiner. In view thereof, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3, 12, 27, 31, 38 and 49 have been amended, claims 6 and 15-20 have been previously canceled, and claims 41-47 have been previously withdrawn; thus, claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-40 and 48-50 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-40 and 48-50 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-33, 38-40 and 48-50 were objected to by the Examiner for the informalities cited on pages 2-3 of the pending action. To overcome these objections, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 12, 27, 31, 38 and 49, taking into account the Examiner's suggested amendments. Withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this paper, or otherwise if it would facilitate the examination of this application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

It is believed that no fees are currently due in connection with this submission. However, in the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in

connection with this application, Applicants' attorneys hereby authorize that such fee(s) be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Respectfully submitted,

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